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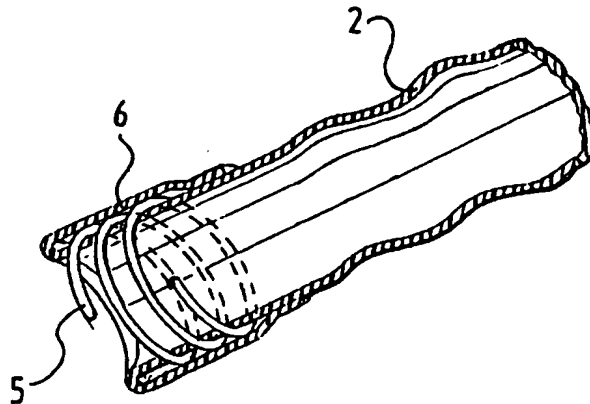
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#### ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a blood vessel treating assembly including an artificial blood vessel inner layer such as an artificial tunica-intima for replacing a section of blood vessel inner layer previously removed from a blood vessel and/or for covering a predetermined length of a damaged blood vessel inner layer. The artificial blood vessel inner layer is associated with the existing blood vessel in such a way as to substantially stop any loose parts of the blood vessel from obstructing the stream of blood through the blood vessel. A novel method for introducing the the artificial blood vessel inner layer into the blood vessel is also disclosed.

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